

REMARKS

I. Amendment to Specification

Although abandoned U.S. Application No. 09/586,076 has patentably distinct claims from the presently claimed invention, the subject matter of the applications are similar. Therefore, to ensure the differences in the claimed inventions between the applications are considered, applicant is bringing the prior pending application to the attention of the Examiner.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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